

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for July 6:

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FREE LUNCH AT YUBA STATE PARK SATURDAY, JULY 10

Levan – Join Yuba State Park and Sequoia Motorsports for a day of fun Saturday, July 10 from noon to 2 p.m. at the main boat ramp at Yuba State Park located off Exit 202 from I-15.

Enjoy a free lunch while supplies last and water sports demonstrations from Sequoia Motorsports, which now offers boat, personal watercraft and off-highway vehicle rentals at Yuba State Park.

Sequoia also offers a general store with a café and grill, and camping and boating supplies. Sequoia Motorsports can be reached at (801) 423-9118 or www.sequoiamotorsports.com.

Yuba State Park offers off-highway vehicle ride-in/out access, day-use and campground facilities, and offers boat-in camping. For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (435) 758-2611.

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FIRE ON THE WATER AT JORDANELLE STATE PARK

Heber – Jordanelle State Park hosts Fire On The Water Saturday, July 17 from 2 to 10 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of live music, food and drinks. Watch wakeboard, kneeboard and skyski exhibitions, followed by the Parade of Lights at 9:30 p.m. and fireworks at 10 p.m.

Entrance fees are \$15 per vehicle with up to eight occupants. Annual passes will be honored and registered campers are admitted at no additional cost. Jordanelle State Park is located off US 40 at Mayflower Exit 8. For more information, please call (435) 649-9540 or visit stateparks.utah.gov.

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HUNT FOR NEW TREASURE IN UTAH'S STATE PARKS

Salt Lake City – The Utah State Parks Geocache Adventure continues with a new twist. Now through September, certificates redeemable for fun gifts will be placed randomly in caches throughout the state park system. A limited issue Utah State Parks 50th Anniversary coin and a Utah State Parks Boating Program coin will also be cached.

For those new to the sport, geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt using a global positioning satellite (GPS) unit. Enter each state park's coordinates into a GPS unit and find the hidden cache. Bring your own GPS or borrow a GPS unit from the park.

Inside each cache, you'll find a logbook and a selection of free small gifts. Sign the book and claim your prize. For a list of participating parks and GPS coordinates, visit stateparks.utah.gov/geocaching.

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City -- As boaters cool off at area lakes and reservoirs, Utah State Parks Boating Rangers remind boaters, including personal watercraft operators, to follow Utah's speed and proximity law. This law requires boat operators to remain at a slow, wakeless speed whenever they are within 150 feet of another boat, person in the water, shore angler, launch ramp, dock or designated swimming area.

"This is likely the most violated boating law and the cause of many boating accidents each year," stated Utah State Parks Boating Program Assistant Manager Chris Haller. "By maintaining a safe distance at all times, boat operators can reduce accidents and injuries."

For more information on safe boating or to take a boating education course, please contact stateparks.utah.gov or (801) 538-BOAT. Remember, Utah Boaters...WEAR IT!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

July 30 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Scorpion Scouting: Discover one of the desert's most famous and fascinating creatures on this evening adventure. Meet at the visitor center at 9 p.m. (435) 826-4466

July 31 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Junior Ranger Program - Icky Bugs: Children six to 12 are invited to learn about the wonders of insects during this one-hour program designed to get kids excited about nature. Meet at the campground office at 1 p.m. (435) 654-1791

July 31 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Evening Program - Gold and Silver Mining in Utah: Local historian Jerry Springer presents the history of gold and silver mining in Utah with an emphasis on mining in Wasatch and Summit counties. Program begins at 8:45 p.m. in the campground amphitheater. (435) 654-1791

July 31 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park – Escalante
Junior Ranger Program - Rock Art: Discover the beauty and mystery of rock art. Learn about the symbols and who made them. Make your own rock art and earn a Junior Ranger badge. Meet at the visitor center at 9:30 a.m. (435) 826-4466

July 31 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Owls: Join the park naturalist for a program celebrating one of the island's most interesting residents. Learn all about owls, dissect an owl pellet, and receive an island map to guide you to the many species found here. Meet at the visitor center at 1 p.m. Earn a free pass to the park with participation in five naturalist programs! (801) 721-9569

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